

REMARKS

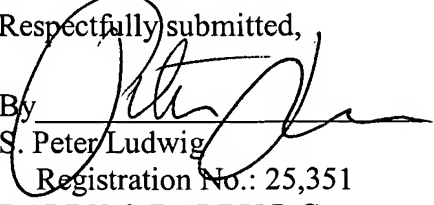
The specification has been amended in accordance with 37 CFR §1.78 to make reference to the International Application from which this application originates and to incorporate by reference the U.S. priority application.

This application contains claims 1-123. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-27, 32, 33-66, 68, 71-73, 75-105, 109-113 and 114-117 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 5, 8, 31, 34, 69, 70 and 108 are hereby amended. New claims 118-123 have been added. No new matter has been introduced. Favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant has canceled claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-27, 32, 33-66, 68, 71-73, 75-105, 109-113 and 114-117 in order to reduce excess claim charges. New claims 118-123 now recite the limitations of canceled independent claims 1, 32, 40, 71, 79 and 110, respectively, in dependent form. Claims 5, 8, 31, 34, 69, 70 and 108 have been amended for proper dependence in light of the cancellation of certain claims, or to remove multiple dependencies.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in the present application are in order for allowance. Notice to this effect is hereby requested.

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